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Annual Report of Belmont.

Wm. H. Shepard, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Belmont.

	Dr.
To cash received of town,.....	$2,837 82
Isaiah Maxfield, money hired for use of town,.....	350 00
Daniel H. Maxfield, money hired for use of town,...	962 92
Mary M. C. Ladd, " " " " ...	200 00
C. Shepard, " " " " ...	350 00
James M. Clark, " " " " ...	150 00
Eliza Dow, " " " " ...	100 00
John C. Pearsons, Collector for 1880,.....	428 59
" " " " " 1881,.....	7,292 69
Railroad Tax,.....	168 00
Savings Bank Tax,.....	1,332 97
Literary Fund,.....	83 85
John W. Wells, Collector for 1877,.....	8 56
" " " " 1878,.....	28 78
" " " " 1879,.....	98 17
	$14,392 35

Paid Town Officers.

J. W. Wells, Collector for 1876-77-78-79,.....	$82 19
Solon F. Hill, services as Auditor,.....	6 00
Dudley W. Judkins, services as Selectman, from March 1st, to March 9th, 1881,.....	5 50
C. A. Hackett, Supervisor for 1881,.....	4 00
John C. Pearsons, Collector for 1880,.....	100 00
Calvin J. Sanborn, Selectman from March 1st, to March 8th, 1881,.....	2 50
Horace C. Woodward, services as Selectman.....	15 00

Horace C. Woodward, services as Selectman	10 00
" " " " "	15 00
Selden J. Gould, services as S. S. Committee,	25 00
" " " " " "	25 00
Horace C. Woodward, services as Selectman,	18 00
" " " balance services as Selectman March 1882,	14 00
E. C. Bean, services as Clerk	25 00
Wm. H. Shepard services as Treasurer	30 00
W. C. Wells, services as Clerk, from Feb. 24, to Mar. 8th, 1881,	2 50
I. Piper, services as Selectman including expenses in and out of town,	80 25
J. G. Cate, services and expenses as Selectman in and out of town, from March 1, 1881, to March 1, 1882,	103 60
J. W. Wells, collecting taxes 1877-8-9,	4 49
	$568 03

Paid Notes Against the Town.

L. A. Garmon,	$200 00
Frank P. Drew,	50 00
E. F. Judkins,	50 00
J. W. Wells, on T. Clark note,	50 00
Frank P. Drew,	155 35
Daniel H. Maxfield,	1,312 92
J. W. Wells, on T. Clark note	20 58
Edward H. Rice,	51 85
Georgia C. Hill,	215 70
Jennie M. Garmon,	25 00
N. F. Foster,	638 00
" " "	162 00
Isabell M. French, on Etta N. Bean note,	9 00
Walter C. Wells,	108 21
Josiah F. Heath,	50 00
David Sawyer,	500 00
M. A. Perkins,	15 00
E. G. Folsom,	500 00

Wm. A. Bucklin,.....	573 05
Treasurer Parsonage Fund,.....	13 50
Chas. O. Judkins,.....	107 92
	$4,808 08

Paid for Support of Poor.

A. James, aid for Mrs. Tuttle.....	$3 60
H. P. Ladd, three weeks board of Michael Fitzgerald,.....	6 00
	$9 60

Paid for Highways and Bridges.

Simeon B. Knowles, winter of 1880-81.....	$44 90
Enoch H. Thompson, to Mar. 1, 1881.....	13 70
Thomas Britton, " " 7, "	76 91
Radliff Brown, winter of 1880-81	29 00
Lucian Rowe, to Mar. 2, 1881.....	13 40
R. L. Farrar, winter of 1880-81.....	37 10
Dudley W. Judkins, " " ".....	4 40
Henry G. Prescott, winter of 1879-80-81.....	8 30
H. C. Woodward.....	41 64
Frank A. Randlett, winter of 1880-81	32 45
Chas. E. Heath, " " " "	9 20
Benjamin L. Plummer" " " "	3 80
George W. Plummer, " " " "	4 27
Chas. W. Knowles, " " " "	50 93
Wm. Sanborn, " " " "	4 44
Thomas R. Cushing, " " " "	39 03
Chas. B. Gile, " " " "	27 22
Joseph Y. Weymouth," " " "	38 78
A. D. Leighton, " " " "	41 50
Warren Lamprey, " " " "	34 21
L. W. Morrill, " " " "	35 16
John A. Ladd, " " " "	34 67
Moses O. Seavey, " " " "	3 68
J. E. P. Randlett, " " " "	74 85

Joseph M. Folsom, " " " "	12 20
S. N. Jewett, " " " "	23 86
Benjamin B. Lamprey, " " " "	40 17
John Pulsifer, " " " "	27 44
John T. Dudley, " " " "	23 67
Chas. O. Bean, " " " "	12 30
A. L. Bean, " " " "	37 20
Simon B. Knowles, April 1881	10 00
George F. Gile, winter of 1880-81	33 48
D. H. Maxfield, " " " "	23 12
T. L. Fuller, " " " "	33 81
Thomas Britton, from Mar. 7 to Mar. 15, 1881	4 31
A. D. Leighton, labor and lumber	5 00
E. Gerry Ladd, winter of 1880-81	47 96
J. C. Wiggin, " " " "	36 33
M. G. Glidden, summer of 1881	20 50
D. H. Maxfield, winter of 1880-81	3 05
B. J. Cate	7 50
Samuel N. Jewett, summer of 1881	9 56
Seldon J. Gould, spring of 1881	49 00
George E. Blaisdell, summer of 1881	46 07
Lucian Rowe, winter of 1881	34 93
Rufus F. Farrar, spring of 1881	5 00
H. C. Woodward, " " "	2 00
Wm. T. Batchelder, fall of 1880	7 50
" " " winter of 1880-81	29 78
" " " summer of 1881	52 06
Seldon J. Gould, to Sept. 2, 1881	15 00
R. G. Hoyt, summer of 1881	100 00
Alvah H. Prouty, to Sept. 1, 1881	54 50
J. M. Folsome, cash paid out and labor on bridge and abutment, summer of 1881	13 75
" summer of 1881	28 20
" labor on Edwards road, May and June, '81	5 60
Stephen Hadley, to Sept. 15	30 98
George W. Plummer, summer of 1881	52 00
M. G. Glidden, fall of 1881	11 80
Orrin W. Foster, summer of 1881	11 25
H. Abbott	7 50
B. W. Brown, lumber for bridge in 1880	71 61

A. D. Leighton, summer of 1881	15 00
A. J. Young, " " "	42 90
J. W. Wells, winter and spring of 1881	4 65
John F. Robinson, in June, 1881	3 00
Joseph Y. Weymouth, summer and fall of 1881	47 50
R. P. Willard	51 42
S. B. Knowles, summer of 1881	47 63
Henry F. Chase	22 17
John M. Roberts, labor and lumber	73 29
I. S. Thompson, fall of 1880 and winter of 1880-81	25 20
" spring and summer of 1881	31 80
Chas. E. Heath, summer and fall of 1881	10 65
Daniel T. Robinson	4 35
" labor on bridge	3 00
Samuel B. Swain, from Mar. 13 to date	17 70
S. Lamprey, Feb., Mar. and April, 1881	5 50
John Pulsifer	25
C. W. Knowles, from April to Oct. 1, 1881	53 57
A. A. Lamprey, summer of 1881	11 25
G. W. Elkins, " " "	37 60
Levi W. Morrill, to Nov. 30, 1880	21 29
G. E. Blaisdell, summer of 1881	24 22
Nathaniel Ellsworth, summer of 1881	31 96
O. Randlett, winter of 1880-81	9 00
E. Chandler	7 95
A. P. B. Currier	10 80
John T. Dudley, summer and fall of 1881	5 15
A. W. Brown, bridge plank	84 83
R. G. Hoyt, summer and fall of 1881	48 00
Joseph Plummer, 1881	47 68
D. H. Maxfield, summer of 1881	17 05
Eben Tuttle, 1881	85 20
N. F. Foster, to Apr. 11, 1881	13 12
James S. Weymouth, summer of 1881	9 45
J. F. Kimball, winter of 1880-81	16 03
J. P. Currier, " " " "	5 25
A. D. Leighton, " " 1881-82	45 90
" summer of 1881	21 43
H. P. Ladd, February, 1878	1 05
" " 1880	1 05

G. W. Plummer, winter of 1881-82	9 30
" putting up guide posts and labor 1 day	2 25
James N. Forrest	5 08
James G. Cate, labor, expense and lumber	22 77
S. F. Hill	4 50
B. J. Cate	8 12
H. C. Woodward	2 00
	$2,812 39

Paid Abatement of Taxes.

Abram Libby, error in tax of 1880	$4 68
Chas. A. Twombly, " " " 1881	57
John F. Bryant, abatement of tax in 1881	1 55
Cynthia P. Clay, over-tax in 1881	4 36
Sarah Howard, dog tax for 1881	1 00
John T. Dudley," " " "	1 00
Jedediah Kilburn, poll-tax	1 50
James Leonard, tax on money	7 50
J. T. Dudley, steer and dog lost	1 22
J. W. Wells, abatement of taxes in 1877	8 56
" " " " " 1878	24 08
" " " " " 1879	13 92
J. C. Pearsons, " " " " 1880	21 07
" " " " " 1881	38 39
	$129 40

Paid Damage to Sheep by Dogs.

N. Chase, for lamb killed Oct. 1880	$3 00
Wm. H. Shepard, damage to sheep by dogs, in 1880	9 00
C. A. Hackett, " " " " " " "	10 00
Moses A. Young, " " " " " " 1876	1 50
Chas. H. Norris, " " " " " " "	5 00
	$28 50

Paid Current Expenses.

Truland Bros. printing town orders	$1 75

J. B. Sanborn, books and stationery	12 70
E. C. Eastman, blank books	2 80
Chas. E. Moody, damage to horse on bridge, in 1880	10 00
Frank A. Randlett, use of water tub, to Mar. 1881	3 00
Wm. A. Bucklin, certificates of births and deaths	4 50
Ira Mooney, boarding auditors in 1880-81	3 00
Joseph P. Dearborn for lobby	75 00
James G. Cate, stove and funnel for lobby	5 00
Hazen Abbott, police services, to Apr. 1, '81	17 00
T. S. Foster, certificates of births and deaths	1 00
J. E. Maxfield, schedule for lobby, and trip to Tilton	2 00
S. A. Merrill, recording births and deaths	1 00
Chas. O. Bean, bounty on hawk	20
G. C. Bryant, damage to sleigh in winter of '81	3 00
J. G. Cate, handcuffs for police	7 00
Lewis & Sanborn, printing town reports	34 50
F. S. Kilburn, damage to wagon in '80	2 50
Freeman D. Bickford, bounty on hawk	20
Green Chase, " " "	20
Arthur B. Willard " " "	20
Chas. S. Gilman, appropriation for Decoration Day	25 00
N. L. True, recording births and deaths	1 00
Thomas R. Cushing, police services to May 3, '81	18 00
Nathan Chase, bounty on hawk	20
E. Gerry Ladd, school-house tax, in district, No. 2	15 00
Lewis & Sanborn, printing collector's receipts	1 50
I. Piper, cash paid for safe	250 00
Alfred Danforth, bounty on hawk	20
Walter Nudd, " " "	20
E. M. Willard, " " "	20
R. G. Hoit, " " 4 hawks	80
D. W. Judkins, drawing bridge plank	3 00
I. Piper, cash paid for freight on safe	11 90
" " " " labor and expenses on lobby	94 78
" " " " drawing and setting up safe	4 31
E. P. Thompson, insurance premium on lobby	4 00
Elbert H. Woodward, bounty on hawk	20
Green Chase, " " 3 hawks	60
Eddie Farrar, " " 4 "	80

First installment of County tax	856 78
R. R. Gardner, police services, from June 1 to Sept. 22	7 00
Fred J. Fox, bounty on crow	10
J. H. Fifield, " " hawk	20
George W. Riley, use of hall one year to date	30 00
F. H. Piper, bounty on crow	10
C. H. Thompson, " "	10
Prescott Hall, damage to horse in March, '81	24 00
Arthur Farrar, bounty on 2 crows	20
James P. Cilly, money raised by a vote of School District, No. 5, to defend said Dist. against S. F. Hill	75 00
J. O. Stevens, use water tub, '81	3 00
D. P. Webster, labor, drawing lobby	3 00
T. L. Fuller, bounty on 5 crows	50
G. F. Dalton, " " 1 crow	10
C. E. Smyth, " " 1 "	10
Samuel Bekford estate, use of water tub	3 00
Joseph Plumer, " " " "	3 00
Eben Tuttle, " " " "	3 00
The several School Districts	1,088 26
Last installment of County tax	856 78
J. E. Maxfield, School District No. 6, money raised to insure school house	16 00
M. Kimball heirs, use watering tub, 2 years	6 00
State tax	1,140 00
E. C. Bean, book, blanks and postage	2 25
B. P. Simons, lumber and screws	5 55
I. Piper, money paid for postage and stamps	1 25
A. D. Leighton, use of water tub	2 50
J. G. Cate, labor and expenses on lobby, in June	55 85
	$4,801 86

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts		$14,392 35
Paid Highways and bridges	$2,812 39	
Current expenses	4,801 86	
Town officers	568 03	
Abatement of taxes	129 40	

Paid Notes against the town	4,808 08	
Support of poor	9 60	
Damage to sheep by dogs	28 50	
Cash on hand Mar. 1, 1882	1,234 49	
		$14,392 35

WM. H. SHEPARD, Treasurer.

JAMES G. CATE,
ISAIAH PIPER,
H. C. WOODWARD,
} Selectmen of Belmont.

The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them accurately cast and properly vouched, and a balance due the town of $1,234.49 in the hands of the Treasurer.

J. F. SLEEPER,
ALBION A. LAMPREY,
} Auditors.

Belmont, N. H., Mar. 1, 1882.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

We find the town indebted for outstanding orders as follows, including principal and interest:

E. G. Heath	$16 27	S. C. Hill	478 93
L. Foster	117 60	S. Piper	187 39
E. M. Bean	5 16	E. Dow	106 26
T. Clark	250 93	W. A. Bucklin	573 12
D. H. Maxfield	94 13	J. Matthews	222 91
S. Maxfield	346 61	L. M. Sweatt	320 07
J. Lane	744 31	M. H. Sweatt	375 65
H. F. Tucker	483 37	J. M. Folsom	572 75
J. Tucker	172 64	L. J. Dearborn	414 20
N. F. Foster	289 51	T. L. Bean	138 00
J. C. Cilley	494 08	N. Ellsworth	117 56
M. Kimball	248 01	J. M. Garmon	22 47
Lowell Sanborn	310 00	M. J. Fifield	165 07
" "	404 25	L. A. Folsom	834 38
S. S. Fifield	677 05	W. M. Clark	571 66
A. M. Fifield	43 37	T. L. Bean	114 07
V. J. Fifield	161 66	N. A. Sanborn	48 26
N. S. Plumer	60 21	L. A. Sanborn	81 48
J. Plumer	491 58	M. S. York	60 08
L. Plumer	205 72	H. J. Clough	93 80
J. F. Heath	294 53	Parsonage Fund	224 97
F. M. Heath	384 32	S. W. Knowles	111 03
H. B. Heath	208 00	M. M. C. Ladd	33 31
C. J. Gross	645 92	E. F. Judkins	113 73
H. Wadleigh	154 40	M. A. Perkins	143 31
C. Mooney	344 47	H. J. Clough	142 97
L. A. Willard	430 40	First F. B. Society	211 80
A. Dicey	265 83	I. Maxfield	360 13
S. Page	257 50	E. Dow	101 66
C. W. Hackett	116 04	M. M. C. Ladd	203 32
L. Kimball	97 87	O. G. Rogers	15 50

John Adams	20 00	S. Piper	105 90
N. D. Garmon	3 00	D. H. Maxfield	1,009 94
J. B. Matthews	3 75	J. M. Clark	152 53
M. Kimball	88 64	C. Shepard	355 83
D. D. Maxfield	166 51	E. G. Folsom	766 88
S. Maxfield	77 72	W. T. Batchelder	16 44
C. J. Gross	286 70	M. K. Smith	3 00
D. Sawyer	765 24	A. Jones	13 98
School Dis. No. 11	20 97		$20,176 88
E. H. Fuller	132 45		
D. A. Sargent	211 82		

CLAIMS DUE THE TOWN.

Cash in hands of Treasurer	$1,234 49
" " " " C. B. Gile, collector for 1873	78 17
" " " " C. H. Rowe, " " 1872	1 80
" " " " J. W. Wells, " " 1877	1 22
" " " " " " " 1878	2 64
" " " " " " " 1879	66 33
" " " " J. C. Pearsons " " 1880	82 93
" " " " " " " 1881	357 38
Due on L. B. Fellows' Note	32 43
	$1,857 39

Indebtedness of town above means $18,319 49

JAMES G. CATE,
ISAIAH PIPER,
H. C. WOODWARD,
} Selectmen of Belmont.

Belmont, N. H., Mar. 1, 1882.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

To the inhabitants of Belmont, N. H., the following school report is respectfully submitted.

District No. 1.

The summer, autumn, and winter terms were all taught by Miss Emma M. Severance of Lynn, Mass. This was Miss Severance's first experience in teaching, and she was very successful. Each successive term was a continual improvement. Good, better, best, are appropriate words for the terms in their order. Miss Severance is a very good scholar, and a young lady worthy of very high respect from all.

As the Queen of Sheba said to Solomon, of those around him, so we would say to this teacher, happy are your friends in all this district, and town; happy are these your scholars, who stand continually before you, and hear your gentle and loving words of wisdom; happy are all who shall follow your quiet example; happy are you in the possession of such a school, in such a peaceful district. The order found in this district, was excellent; and we believe that the parents, as well as teacher and scholars, contributed much to its observance. The work performed in all branches studied, during the year, was very thorough and satisfactory.

We read of Cadace, Queen of the Ethiopians; but we believe that we have found Candace, queen of the mathematicians of Belmont, considering her age, of only six summers, in the person of Candace P. Ladd, of Dis. No. 1. May this district and this teacher ever be suecessful and happy.

District No. 2.

The school for the year, in this district, was included in one term of fourteen weeks, during the autumn. This term was taught by Miss Ellen C. Bean of Sanbornton. In this district was found the only instance, for the year, of beginning a term of school, without applying for a certificate, or even sending notice of the term until after it had begun. We can say but very little in regard

to the progress of the whole term. We hope that some success attended all good efforts which were made by teacher and scholars.

We knew nothing of this school until it had commenced, but visited it as soon as we could, after learning of its commencement. We found quite good order, and a fair attention to study. We did feel that more respect and love, with less fear for the teacher, would bring about a happier state of affairs, and produce results much more satisfactory. We trust that all law-abiding citizens, in every district, will forever discountenance the neglect under which this term began.

District No. 3.

The summer term was taught by Miss Laura E. Randlett of Belmont. The school was very small, but the work done was very good in quality, if not great in quantity. We were very agreeably surprised and entertained by the closing exercises. We had scarcely anticipated so many and such interesting exercises, from six scholars, all of whom are quite young. We consider this a successful term.

The autumn term was under the instruction and care of Miss Etta J. Woodward of Sanbornton. Miss Woodward is an experienced, and we believe, a successful teacher. All of her little group of six scholars did very well indeed. This term was a success.

District No. 4.

The summer term was taught by Miss Louise A. Eaton of Belmont. Miss Eaton's success as a teacher, is known in Belmont, better than any language of mine can set it forth; yet it may not be entirely inappropriate for me to speak in her praise. We believe that her careful and very thorough methods of teaching, and her mild, yet very decided discipline, are worthy of very high commendation.

The autumn term began under the instruction of the same faithful and experienced teacher. A certain carelessness on the part of several large boys, at first annoyed, and at last aroused our veteran of more than fifty terms. She was found competent, however, for this little rebellion, and peace was soon restored. Scarcely had her mind found perfect quiet and rest, when the illness of her mother caused a suspension of the school. We believe that deep and sincere sympathy was extended by all, to Miss Eaton, during the illness and death of her mother; but to avoid uncer-

tain delay, another teacher was employed to finish the term. Mr. George H. Ingalls of Canterbury, taught the remaining month of the term. The spirit of rebellion, which had been lying like a slumbering volcano, broke forth anew, with redoubled force, crushing the teacher's chair in its almost relentless career, and filling the entrance with its accumulated debris. Our young friend, the teacher, stood, manfully stemming this rushing tide, and demanding satisfaction for its ravages, with a plain and determined promise to ask help from proper authority, to bar its pathway by an insurmountable wall. if its devastating influences were not quickly restrained. Several with spirits kindred in evil, restrained themselves by remaining absent. We believe that a fair degree of order was thenceforth preserved; and that some improvement was made in the studies pursued. We would commend the teacher for his perseverance and final success.

District No. 5.

Grammar School. The summer and autumn terms were taught by Miss Barbara A. Mitchell of New Brunswick. The summer term continued three weeks, and then closed, because of many cases of measles, causing very many absences. The school was quite satisfactory, notwithstanding these very unpleasant interruptions.

The autumn term continued ten weeks. Miss Mitchell is a student fresh from N. B. Normal school, and a very systematic teacher. She labored under some difficulty, as her methods were new to her pupils; but we believe that much credit is due for her untiring efforts, and for a good degree of success realized.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Selden J. Gould of Belmont. As some doubt was entertained with regard to the wisdom of this enterprise, your Superintendent availed himself of the opportunity offered, to visit this school during its first day. Finding himself very cordially welcomed, and very agreeably entertained by the students of said school, he repeated his visits, from day to day, for the space of about two months, and then, not wishing to be hasty in severing so pleasant relations as were found existing between the parents and pupils of said district, and himself, he was persuaded, without much reluctance on his part, to remain another month, for a term of instruction, secured by private subscription. These months of pleasant association in the school room,

were followed by appropriate closing exercises, under the name of a school exhibition, at the hall of Geo. Riley of Belmont. One incident which occurred during the term, seems worthy of particular mention. One Monday morning, finding ourselves with a very lame horse, we made an effort to find another; failing in this, we started late for our school. On arriving, about 9:30 o'clock, we found that the school had been opened, the scripture read, the Lord's prayer repeated, and a hymn sung, by the students, with one of their number for a leader. We would express many thanks, in behalf of the teacher, to parents and pupils, for many kindnesses, and especially for a nice volume of poems, presented by members of the school.

Primary school. The summer, autumn and winter terms were taught by M. Winnie Judkins of Belmont. The summer term suffered from interruptions made by sickness, similar to those mentioned in the Grammar school. The autumn term of ten weeks, and the winter term of seven weeks, were well attended, and we believe very successfully carried through. We were much pleased with the examination at the close of the fall term. As we taught in the same building during the winter, we knew the daily record of the winter school. Miss Judkins is a student of this district, and reflects much credit upon those who have been her teachers. She has a method of drawing around herself, a group of little children, and awakening, and sustaining in them, an excellent interest in all good work belonging to the school. We thought it wise to introduce writing in every class of this school, Miss Judkins triumphed over all doubts entertained, and led the little ones to success in this branch of study. Much credit is due for her persevering efforts, and good success.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The summer term was taught by Mr. William T. Morse of Chester. Mr. Morse taught two terms in this district last year, giving very good satisfaction; and we believe that all were equally well pleased with his efforts during the summer.

The autumn term was begun by the same teacher; but failing health obliged him to return home. All in the district seemed very much disappointed, and were unwilling to take any one instead of Mr. Morse. Under these difficult circumstances, Miss Emma M. Britton of Belmont, came to finish the term. Miss

Britton found some difficulty in trying to fill the place made vacant so unexpectedly; but we believe that she succeeded in overcoming this difficulty in a good degree, and in making some progress in instruction during this short time. We consider Miss Britton the most thorough and advanced scholar that we have found attending school in the town.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The school in this district for the year was included in one term, beginning in autumn, and continuing eighteen weeks, with only about a week for rest. Miss Idella May Drew of Gilmanton, was the teacher of this long term. This school has been reported as rather difficult in former times, but we believe that love and respect for the teacher of this term, made all her scholars feel that to please her by cheerfully obeying the rules of school, and earnestly endeavoring to perform all tasks assigned, would be a pleasant privilege, as well as an imperative duty. It is very seldom indeed, that a lasting interest continues unabated for eighteen weeks of school without rest. We believe that good order and good advancement continued to the close.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The summer term was taught by Miss S. Angie French of Canterbury. We think that Miss French entertained some doubts and fears for the first few weeks; but she at length triumphed over these, and succeeded beyond her own hopes. A fair degree of order prevailed, and quite good progress was made in the course of study. At the close of the term, the school-room was tastefully adorned, and the examination and literary exercises were quite satisfactory.

The autumn term was taught by Mr. Selden J. Gould of Belmont. As this district had not always received the highest commendation, your Superintendent thought it might be well to be present during the first day. He continued his vigilance forty days and nights, with personal pleasure, and, we trust, mutual good.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The summer term was taught by Miss Jessie L. Waterman, of Laconia. This trrm consisted of about five weeks, completed in about the time of four weeks. Miss Waterman is a very thorough scholar, and, although this was her first effort as a teacher, we be-

lieve that she began very well indeed; but we think that perhaps she trusted too much to her scholars to govern themselves, while she was engaged with recitations. The result was, that certain ones whom we choose to designate as eye-servants, chose to govern themselves outside of the schoolhouse, and for this purpose they effected an egress through the window without permission. The offenders were called to an account and punished, but Liberty once obtained is scarce restrained, and "Young America" triumphed at last, and all but about three were numbered as truants at the final examination. This was a sad affair in the district, only second in town, in its number of scholars. However, we believe that Miss Waterman will become a successful teacher.

The winter term was taught by Miss Dora E. Lee, of Laconia. Miss Lee has taught in this district before, and she entered upon her work at this time, knowing that some old prejudice existed, and also that some dissatisfaction was felt at the present state of affairs. Quite a number openly declared that she should have no support from them; but several became more favorable, and patronized the school at last. A few remained immovable, until the close, and one attended school in an adjoining district. This state of affairs arose not so much from what the Prudential Committee himself did, as from the efforts of others to perform his work. Notwithstanding all these circumstances, we believe that Miss Lee succeeded in doing quite an amount of school work in a manner that showed perseverance, and resulted in some degree of profit.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

The school in this district, for the year, was all included in the winter term of about three months, and was under the instruction of Miss Laura E. Randlett, of Belmont. It was supposed that this would be one of the smallest schools in town during the year; but several came into the district, making a school which numbered twelve in all, with quite a good average. Miss Randlett found much more work to do than we at first expected; but we think that she succeeded in gaining the good will of parents and scholars quite generally, and gave a fair degree of satisfaction. In some matters pertaining to the interests of the school, perhaps she was, to say the least, a little indiscreet; but we think a fair amount of improvement was made in the school.

District No. 11.

The summer and autumn terms were under the care of Miss Frances M. Heath, of Belmont. We expected but one or two scholars here during the year; but several came in during the summer term, making eight in all. We believe that good instruction was given and that it was received with profit by all who attended.

The autnmn term had one native, one visiting, and one borrowed scholar, making three in all. All did very nicely indeed, and reflected much credit on their veteran teacher, who seems quite unwilling to abandon the school-room, as long as one scholar can be found. We would give Miss Heath and her little band, very high commendation.

District No. 12.

There was but one term, of about ten weeks, in this district during the year. This was a winter term, taught by Mrs. Joseph Badger, of Belmont. As the school-house in this district is somewhat like Noah's ark when it was no longer seaworthy, Mrs. Badger taught the school at her own home, and this arrangement was quite convenient and satisfactory, as the school was all in the family, consisting of one son and a little daughter of three years and ten months. We enjoyed our visits at this place very much, and we believe that the school was a good one, and that all the scholars did very well indeed.

We know that we have spoken plainly in some instances; and if we have not in all, it has not been an error of the heart, but simply an omission for want of facts. We have endeavored to ascribe praise where it belonged, and not to avoid the responsibility of passing censure, where the oath of office and the voice of duty plainly demanded this to be done. We may have carried both of these efforts too far to please some, and not far enough to please others. If we could possibly reach the golden mean between these extremes, perhaps we shonld find the terms ready to change with the next breeze. Knowing something of the transitions of human opinions, we have endeavored to follow the dictates of conscience in the pathway of duty.

Perhaps it may not be wholly inappropriate for me to offer a few suggestions. First.—We would suggest that more money is absolutely needed in every school district in town. We are well aware of the answer to this statement; and by way of anticipation, we

would reply that perhaps there is more money now than is used advantageously; but this is not a logical, and certainly not a reasonable objection. If a farmer should waste all of his provisions for his family, and all of his supplies for his animals, this would never prove that he had too much, or even enough. Indeed, it would prove nothing at all, except careless waste. In like manner, the fact that some of our school money has been carelessly wasted, or even worse than wasted, produces no evidence whatever that we have too much, or even enough. We do sincerely believe that more money could profitably be used, and that we, as accountable beings, are in duty bound to raise more, and to do all in our power to cause the same to be judiciously expended, for the mental and moral improvement of all our children. Secondly. — If, with prophetic glance, we could sweep over the field of the future, and know that the smallest schools in town would very long remain so small as they now are, we would suggest the propriety of uniting two or more districts in one, in several localities in our town. Having seen some schools changed from a very large number to a small one, and others from a very small to a large number in a short time, we feel that it is quite difficult to advise wisely in regard to a change; therefore we would advise that the matter be carefully and continually under the consideration of all interested parties, and that they should make changes whenever their good judgement requires the same. We have made such changes in text-books, as we have felt that duty demanded, and opportunity offered. We have put in books which cost much less money than those used formerly, and with no cost whatever, except the old books, which have, in every instance, paid in full. We trust that we have introduced better books than those exchanged for them.

We have endeavored to discharge our duties faithfully and impartially. We would express our gratitude to all with whom our official duties have called us to meet, for the many favors which they have kindly offered.

SELDEN J. GOULD, Supt. of Schools.

Belmont, N. H., March 1, 1882.

Statistical Report of the Schools.

No. of District.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Term.	Length of Term.	No. of Scholars.	Average Number.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. Daily Attendance.	No. on Roll of Honor.	No. not in School.	Teacher's Wages per Month.
1	Emma M. Severance	1	10	13	13	12	.925	3		$14.00
	" "	2	10	11	11	10	.909	4		16.00
	" "	3	6	11	11	9	.818	5		16.00
2	Ellen C. Bean	1	14	16	16	15	.937	1		20.00
3	Laura E. Randlett	1	8	6	5 5-8	4 13-16	.895	1		17.00
	Etta J. Woodward	2	12	6	5 3-8	5 7.30	.973	0		20.00
4	Louise A. Eaton	1	6	9	9	9	1	2		20.00
	" "	2	3	11	11	11	1	6		22 00
	George H. Ingalls. Grammar School.	3	5	10	9	8 .36	.928	1		22.00
5	Barbara A. Mitchell	1	12.8	31	26	22	.846	6		26.00
	Selden J. Gould. Primary School.	2	8	31	30	28	.933	10		30.00
	M. Winnie Judkins	1	12.6	38	27	23	.851	0		20.00
	" "	2	7	25	24	21	.875	2		20.00
6	William T. Morse	1	6	8	8	7	.875	1	2	20.00
	" "	2	2.5	7	7	6	.857	0	2	22.00
	Emma M. Britton	3	5	7	6	5	.833	1	2	22.00
7	Idella May Drew	1	18	19	16	13	.812	0		16.00
8	S. Angie French	1	9	8	7 41-45	7 1-7	.884	1		20.00
	Selden J. Gould	2	8	7	7	6	.857	4		20.00
9	Jessie L. Waterman	1	5	17	15 1-3	13 1-4	.865	2		10.00
	Dora E. Lee	2	9	16	15 9-20	13 .4	.866	0		22.00
10	Laura E. Randlett	1	11.6	12	11	10 .5	.95	3		20.00
11	Frances M. Heath	1	6	8	4	4	1	1		14.00
	" "	2	9	3	2	2	1	1		14.00
12	Mrs. Joseph Badger	1	10	2	2	2	1	2		13.50